

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 1, before line 5, please insert "Field of The Invention".

On page 1, before line 14, insert "Background of The Invention".

On page 8, after line 36, insert "Summary of The Invention".

On page 10, after line 5, insert:

"Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a schematic flow sheet of a preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 2 is schematic flow sheet of an alternate embodiment of the invention."

On page 10, before line 6, insert "Detailed Description of The Invention".

After page 28, insert the following abstract:

"Abstract

The present invention relates to a method for purifying (meth)acrylic acid obtained by catalytic or redox oxidation of a gaseous substrate constituting propane, propylene, acrolein, isobutane, isobutene, tert-butyl alcohol and/or (meth)acrolein or mixtures thereof by sending the gaseous reaction mixture to the bottom of a countercurrent absorption column (C1) which is supplied at the top with at least one type of hydrophobic heavy solvent, sending the flow(4) from the bottom of column (C1) to a separation column (C2). Column (C1) is operated at a flow rate of heavy solvent of from 3 to 5.6 times the flow rate of the (meth)acrylic acid in the gaseous reaction mixture and the rectifying column used as a separation column (C2) is operated with the feed at the top and without reflux."